

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to ~~have a virtual examination of~~ virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, said the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a computer of the initial contractor prompting a computer of an outsourcing service center to login to said the computer of the initial contractor;

said the computer of the outsourcing center logging in to said the computer of the initial contractor; and

said the computer of the outsourcing center thus logged in to said the computer of the initial contractor, operating said the computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to ~~the a~~ processing edition conference from said the initial contractor.

2. (Currently Amended) The processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said operating of~~ said operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with said the processing edition conference includes a step of creating a control program for an NC machine tool for producing said the sheet metal product.

3. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said operating~~ operation of the computer of the initial

contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes ~~a step of~~ calculating an estimate for the product.

4. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, ~~wherein a step is included for further comprising~~ accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the initial contractor.

5. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, ~~wherein a step is included for further comprising~~ accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

6. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing system that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to ~~have a virtual examination of~~ virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, said system comprising:

~~means of~~ a computer of the initial contractor ~~for prompting a~~ configured to prompt a computer of an outsourcing center;

wherein the computer of the initial contractor prompts the computer of an the outsourcing service center to login to said computer of the initial contractor, and the ;

~~means of computer of the outsourcing center for logging logs in to said computer of the initial contractor; and~~

wherein means of the computer of the outsourcing center, logged in to said computer of the initial contractor, operates for operating said computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to the a processing edition conference from said initial contractor.

7. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 2, wherein ~~said operating the operation~~ of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes ~~a step of~~ calculating an estimate for the product.

8. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, ~~wherein a step is included for further comprising~~ accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said operation~~ of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor.

9. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising ~~wherein a step is included for~~ accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said the operation~~ of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor.

10. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the initial contractor.

11. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

12. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

13. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 4, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

14. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said operation of the~~ computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing service center.

15. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 8, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said operation of the~~ computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing service center.

16. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 9, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said operation of the~~ computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing service center.

17. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 10, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said operation of the~~ computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing service center.